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### **Commissioner Appoints New Education Department Finance Director**

Education Commissioner Deborah A. Gist has appointed Marliot C. Uzcátegui, who has served for the past five years as an administrator in the Department of Health, as Director of the Office of Finance and Accounting at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE).

Ms. Uzcátegui comes to RIDE with 17 years of experience in financial management in the fields of human services and public health. For the past five years, she has worked as the Chief of Operations at the Health Department Division of Community, Family Health, and Equity. She was responsible for managing a budget of more than \$78 million, a portfolio of more than 130 contracts, and the human-resource functions of a workforce of more than 200 employees.

At RIDE, she will be responsible for the budgeting, accounting, and procurement functions of the department. She also will oversee most of the federal grants that RIDE administers, including IDEA, Title I, Perkins Adult Education, and ARRA.

“I’m very pleased to welcome Marliot Uzcátegui to RIDE,” said Commissioner Gist. “With her management and administrative experience, she will certainly build our capacity, especially as we prepare to allocate and manage a new round of federal stimulus funds.”

Ms. Uzcátegui holds a bachelor of science in industrial engineering degree from the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, in Caracas, Venezuela. She lives in Warwick. As Finance Director, she replaces Carolyn Dias, who has been appointed Chief of Operations at RIDE.

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